

McCormick's Creek State Park

APRIL 2011



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Nature Center Hours: Open Daily 9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Look for our program schedules on the web: <http://www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/2420.htm>

Are you a leader for Scouts, a church group, schools, or home school? We can work with you to design a program to fit your goals and give your group quality nature experiences. Contact the Nature Center to arrange a private program for your group (812-829-4344).

Don't miss the exhibits at the Nature Center! Experience the feel of a cave, see live reptiles and other wildlife, discover the unique geology of Indiana's first state park, and build scale models of shelter houses like those built by the Civilian Conservation Corps.

Saturday April 2nd

10:00 AM *Turtle Talk*. Examine a red-eared slider turtle as we feed him breakfast at Canyon Inn.

2:00 PM *Critter Feeding*. See live turtles and snakes as we feed them lunch. Meet at the Nature Center!

Sunday April 3rd

Frog Songs and Frog Lore Learn more about Indiana's favorite amphibians—Drop-in activities, Nature Center exhibit room.

Saturday April 9th

10:00 AM *Garlic Mustard Removal—Service activity*. Sign in at the Nature Center, then scout designated park areas to remove garlic mustard, an invasive species that threatens native plants. Expected activity time, 10-noon.

2:00 PM *Critter Feeding*. See live turtles and snakes as we feed them lunch. Meet at the Nature Center!

Sunday April 10th

Wildflower Previews. Drop-in activity, Nature Center.



Saturday April 16th Owen County Wildflower Weend

Friends of McCormick's Creek SP ~ Plant Sale~ 10 AM – 2 PM

Only a few highlights-- see our online brochure, or get one at the entrance gate, to see all our hikes and activities.

10:00 AM *McCormick's Cove Nature Preserve Hike* led by Tom Swinford, DNR Nature Preserve specialist. Meet at Friendly Shelter

2:00 PM *Green's Bluff Nature Preserve Hike* led by Ellen Jacquart of The Nature Conservancy. Limit of 20 participants—pre-register at the Nature Center (812-829-4344)

7:30 PM *Identify and Reduce Invasive Species*, presentation by Ellen Jacquart. Meet in the Sycamore Room, Canyon Inn (hotel at McCormick's Creek State Park)

Sunday April 17th

9:30 AM *Floral Fixins': Nature's Medicine Cabinet*. Short hike at the Nature Center.

11:00 AM *Nature Notes and Crafty Creations*. Activity at the Nature Center.

1:30 PM *WOW Hike (Wonderful Owen Wildflowers)* Meet at the Wolf Cave parking lot.

Saturday April 23rd

10:00 AM *Create a Nature Basket.* Make a simple honeysuckle and reed basket. Cost \$10, and limit of 20 participants. Pre-registration is recommended. Call or stop by the nature center: 812-829-4344
2:00 PM *Critter Feeding.* See live turtles and snakes as we feed them lunch. Meet at the Nature Center.

Sunday April 24th

Make “nature spotters”(children’s craft). Drop-in activity, Nature Center.

Saturday April 30th 5K Run/Walk: Mag 7 Series Race

Co-sponsored by Owen County Family YMCA and Friends of McCormick’s Creek State Park
On-site entry fee: \$20. Registration begins at 7:30 AM at the Nature Center.
8:30 AM 5K Run/Walk begins near the park pool parking lot.

2:00 PM *Critter Feeding.* See live turtles and snakes as we feed them lunch. Meet at the Nature Center.

Sunday May 1st

Make “nature spotters”(children’s craft). Drop-in activity, Nature Center.